

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 2, line 32 through page 3, lines 1-8 of the specification, will read as follows:

**In the expression above**

- W** denotes the amount, in parts per one hundred parts by weight (pphr) of latex solids, of decomposed alkali persulfate,
- D<sub>o</sub>** refers to the weight average particle size, in nanometers (nm), of the pre-agglomerated (un-agglomerated) rubber, with the proviso that  $[[D_o]]D_w$  is at least 85 nm, preferably at least 100 nm,
- S** is the amount of the optional salt (in % based on latex solids) and,
- K** is a constant of 2.3-6.0, preferably 3-4, most preferably 3.25-3.50.

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